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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Cyan is being held captive alone in a room. To her surprise, a white, glowing figure of a boy floats up out of the floor. They talk and she finds out he is one of the people who had been experimented on. On another side of the compound, Spawn begins to fight his way to help Cyan and is met by demons who use themselves and bombs to destroy him. Their tactics don't work and Spawn charges on. The female ghost who has been hunting Spawn tries to kill him using her powers, but he turns her powers on her, causing her to kill her boss. Back in the room, Cyan hears a voice call her and she realizes it is her friend, Yoko. She's been turned into the same white, glowing figure that the boy was. Both shocked and distraught, Cyan vows to get revenge on those who hurt Yoko and the little boy.



WHEN THIS THING... THIS 'CREATURE' STARTED TO GROW IN FRONT OF SPAWN, AL PREPARED HIMSELF. HE'D FOUGHT HUNDREDS OF ENEMIES LARGER THAN HIMSELF. BUT THIS? ITS SHEER SIZE AND SCALE DEFIED DESCRIPTION; MORE UNSETTLING IS ALL OF THIS SEEMED TO BE PROHIBITIVELY...

IMPOSSIBLE.

THIS ALIEN RIValed THE MAGNITUDE OF SATAN HIMSELF, BUT HE RESIDED IN THE DARK BOWELS OF HELL.



THIS WAS EARTH. WHERE EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO THE 'NORMS' OF HISTORICAL DATA.



BEGGING THE OBVIOUS QUESTION, "WAS THIS EVEN REAL?"

BECAUSE IF IT IS...

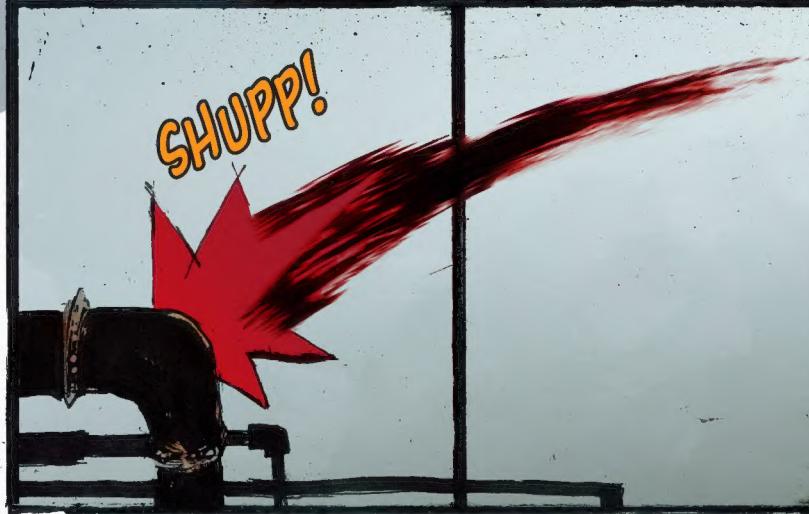


THEN NO MATTER WHAT SPAWN THOUGHT HIS PLAN WAS, IT JUST BECAME A CASUALTY TO THE INSANITY BEFORE HIM.

FZZZTT



SHUPP!



AND WORSE, AS GOOD AND POWERFUL AS SPAWN IS, HE KNOWS HE'S NOT THIS GOOD.



SPAWN ALSO KNOWS THAT SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED WITH HIS BOND TO THE COSTUME. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM HELL, HE'S BEEN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHY HE CAN'T 'TRAIN' IT. THE CONSTANT CLASH... THAT IT EVEN RESPONDED TO HIS THOUGHTS... HAD BEEN A CONCERN.

IT WAS ONLY WHEN CYAN BLANKETED HIM IN A COCOON OF ENERGY, THAT HIS SYMBIOTE SEEMS TO HAVE COME BACK TO LIFE.* BUT THAT MOMENT ALSO CHANGED HIS COSTUME, AND HE HAS BEEN DOING THINGS WITH IT HE HADN'T DONE IN THE PAST.



AND THOUGH AL STILL DOESN'T FULLY COMPREHEND THE EXTENT OF HIS NEW POWERS, EVERYTHING MUST BE CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY.



LIKE WILLING HIMSELF INTO A HELLISH, LIVING SPEAR.

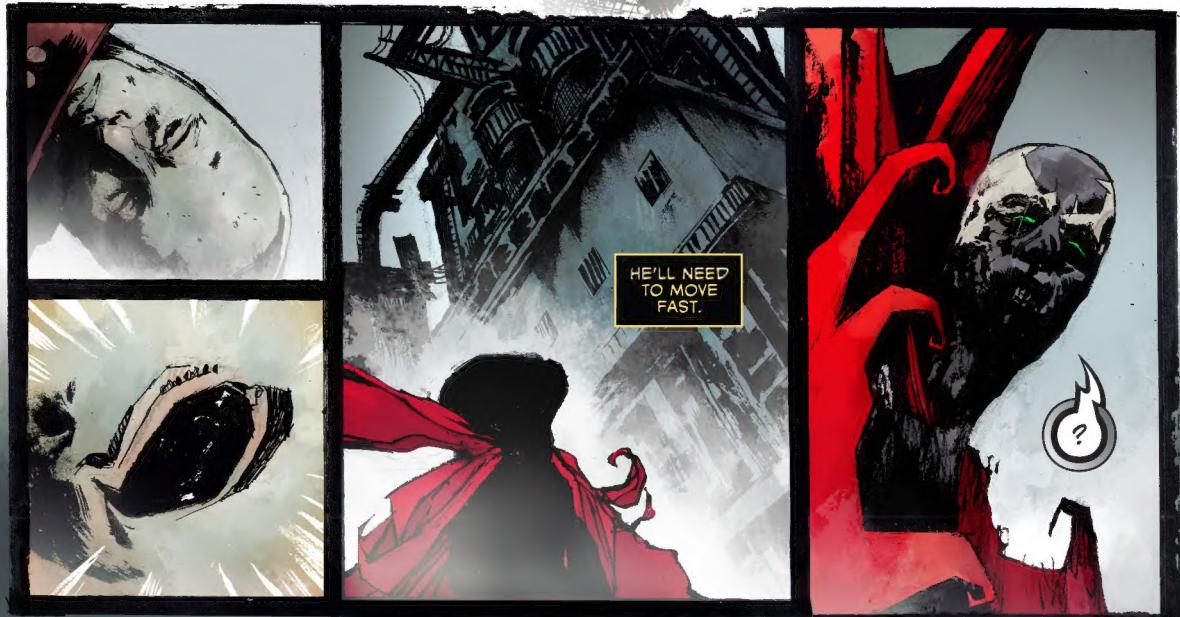


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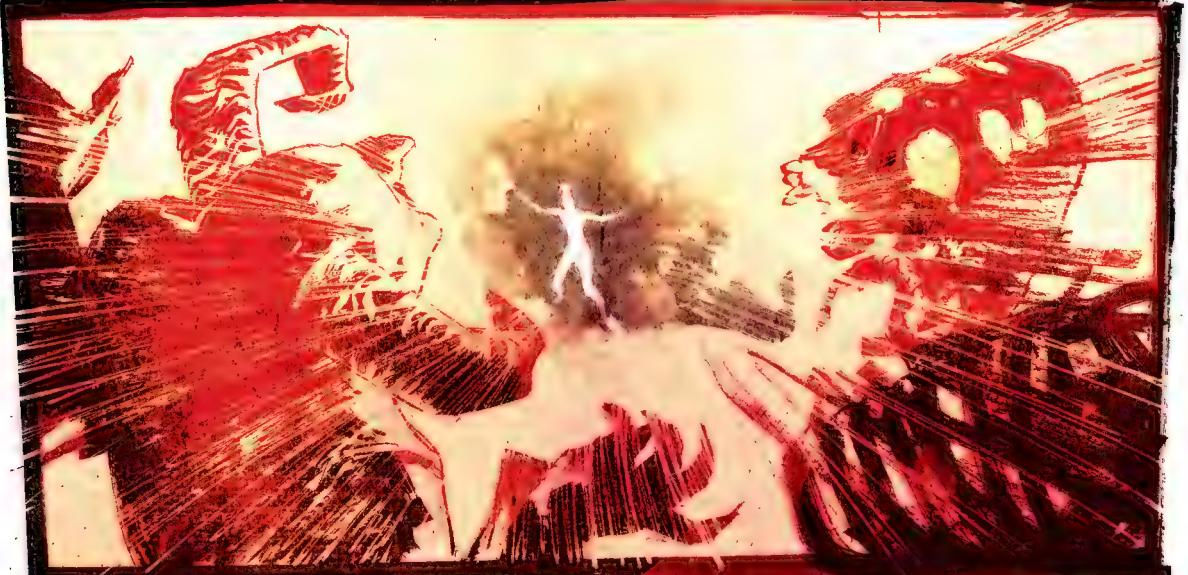
SPAWN CAME HERE FOR
ONLY ONE PURPOSE:
TO GET CYAN. HE CAN
'FEEL' SHE'S CLOSE BY.



SKREEECH

MUCH
FASTER.





Ting

MINUTES LATER SHE FINDS WHAT SHE THINKS IS ANOTHER PRISONER.

YOU!

GET OUT AWAY FROM THERE, YOU'RE IN DANGER. ARE THERE ANY OTHERS WITH YOU?

They took my body and Pea it in this thing. I need it back. I want my body back.

No. The rest are dead. Just like me, they killed all of us. Why are you still alive?

ALL I'M ASKING ARE THERE ANY OTHERS WITH YOU?

Why are you so special? Why didn't I get to live too?

THIS IS CRAZY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY DID TO YOU, BUT...

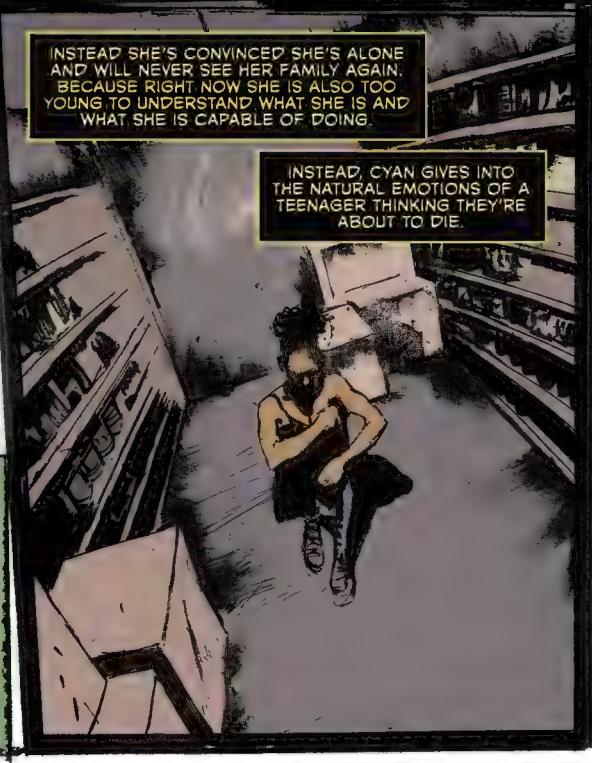
THEY TOOK MY BODY! That's what they did!

INSTEAD SHE'S CONVINCED SHE'S ALONE AND WILL NEVER SEE HER FAMILY AGAIN. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW SHE IS ALSO TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE IS AND WHAT SHE IS CAPABLE OF DOING.

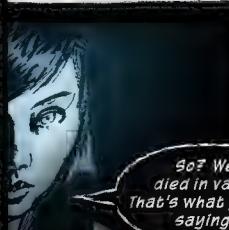
INSTEAD, CYAN GIVES INTO THE NATURAL EMOTIONS OF A TEENAGER THINKING THEY'RE ABOUT TO DIE.

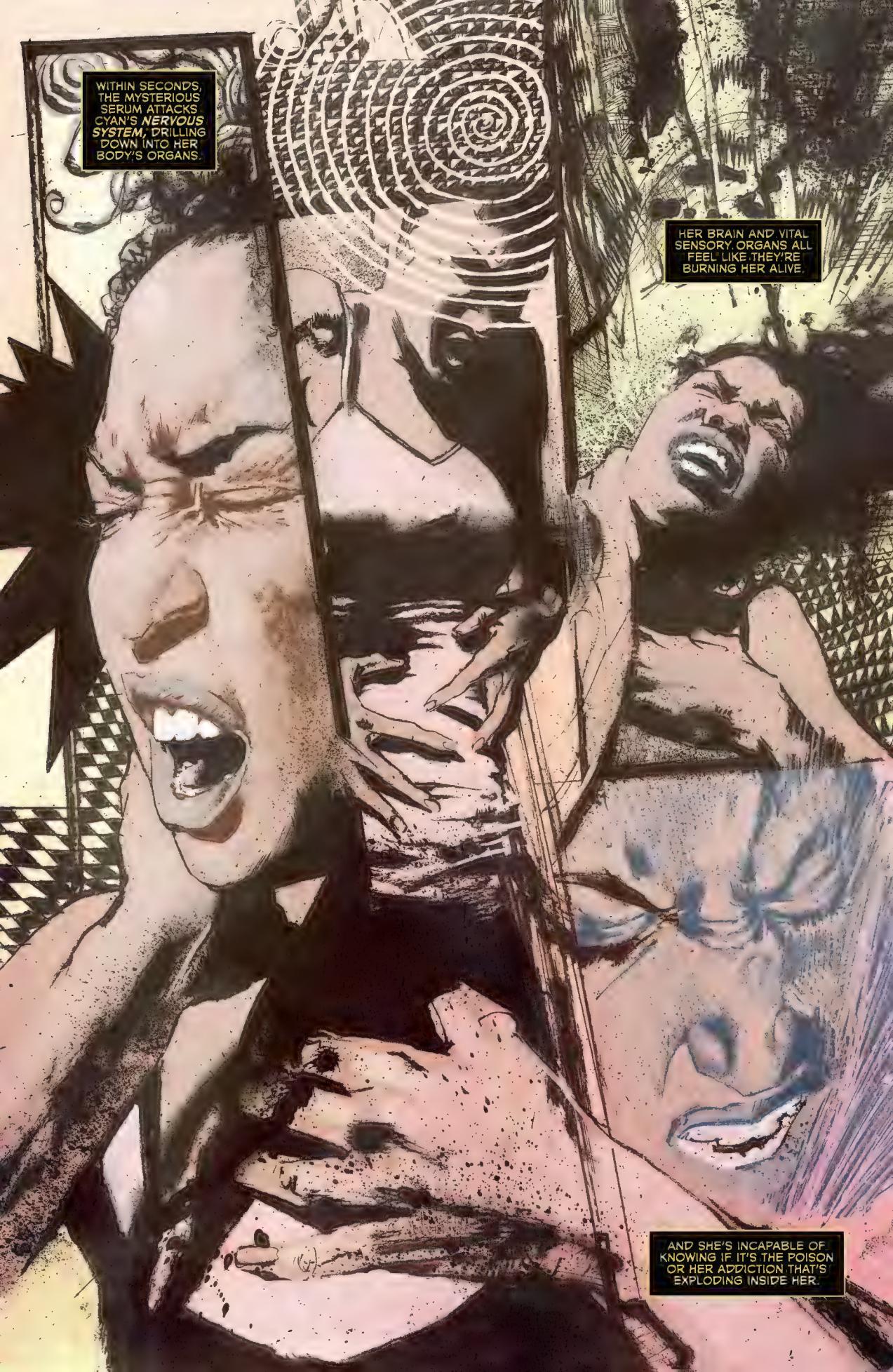


NEARING A BREAKING POINT; CYAN IS GETTING OVERWHELMED BY EVERYTHING. THE GANGSTERS, THE GHOSTS, THE BLOOD AND EXPERIMENTS. ALL THE WEIRD SHIT IN EVERY CORNER SHE LOOKS. SHE SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER UNCLE AL WHERE SHE WENT.



DESPAIR QUICKLY BEGINS TO SETTLE IN, AND THE SIGHT OF THESE DRUGS INFLAME THE HIDDEN CRAVINGS SHE HAS BEEN SUPPRESSING.





WITHIN SECONDS, THE MYSTERIOUS SERUM ATTACKS CYAN'S **NERVOUS SYSTEM**, DRILLING DOWN INTO HER BODY'S ORGANS.

HER BRAIN AND VITAL SENSORY ORGANS ALL FEEL LIKE THEY'RE BURNING HER ALIVE.

AND SHE'S INCAPABLE OF KNOWING IF IT'S THE POISON OR HER ADDICTION THAT'S EXPLODING INSIDE HER.



OR WORSE... IT'S
BOTH!

OUTSIDE, THE BATTLE RAGES ON.
SPAWN, DESPITE HIS VALIANT
EFFORT, GETS THE BLUNT END
OF MOST OF IT.



I'M CURIOUS,
WHY ARE YOU SO
DETERMINED TO PROTECT
THESE HUMANS? ESPECIALLY
NOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ONE
OF THEM. THEIR HISTORY
TELLS US THEY'RE INCAPABLE
OF EVOLVING MUCH FURTHER
THAN THE ANIMALS OF
THIS PLANET.



OR ARE
YOU AS FLAWED
AS THE REST OF
HUMANITY?



DON'T
TOUCH HIM, YOU
COWARD!



DID
YOU SAY
SOMETHING
MY FRAIL
SPECK?



YOU'RE AFRAID
OF US, AREN'T YOU?
PROTECTING YOUR-
SELF WITH YOUR SIZE.
WHY DO WE SCARE
YOU?



BECAUSE THERE'S EIGHT BILLION OF US AND YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T CONTROL THAT MANY.

AND THE BILLIONS YOU MAY SCARE?... THE ONES YOU PREY ON BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO POWER, BECAUSE THEY'RE EASY VICTIMS— LIKE MY FRIEND YOKO...? THEY MADE YOU THINK WHAT YOU'RE DOING WOULD BE SO SIMPLE.



IT'S NOT!



I WANTED TO BE... BUT I'M AWAKE NOW. AND IT WAS YOUR DRUG THAT OPENED MY EYES.

NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SEE, AND TO FEEL, HOW YOUR VICTIMS FELT! FEEL ALL THEIR PAIN!

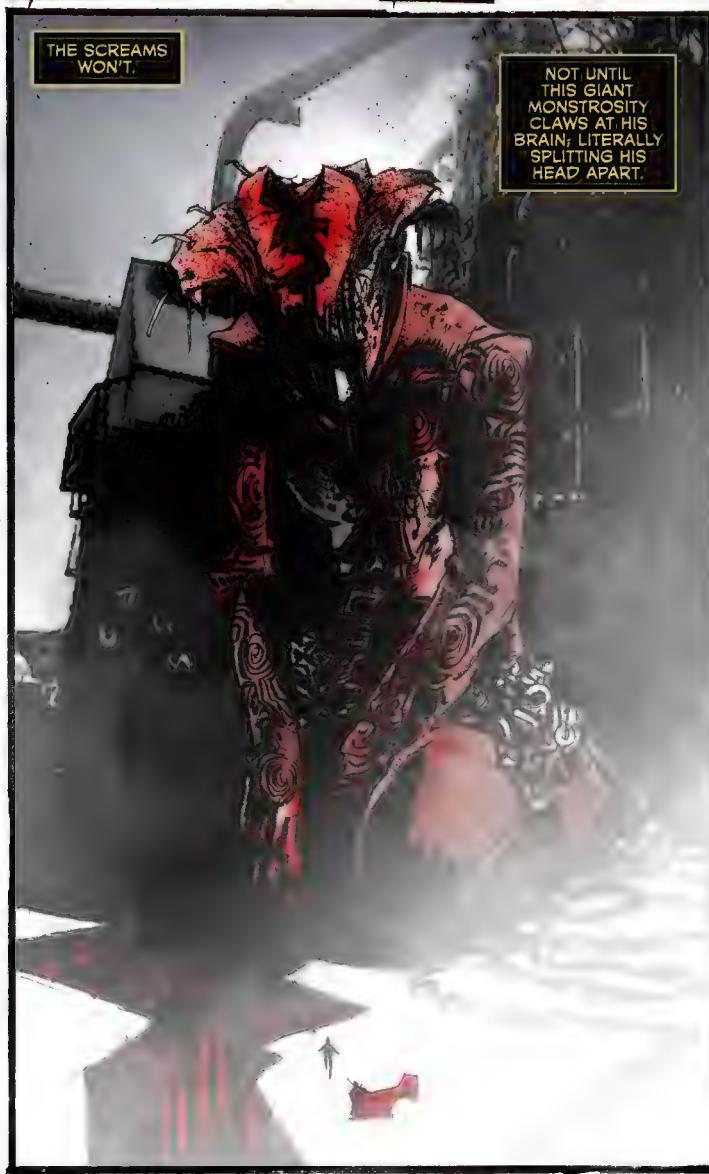
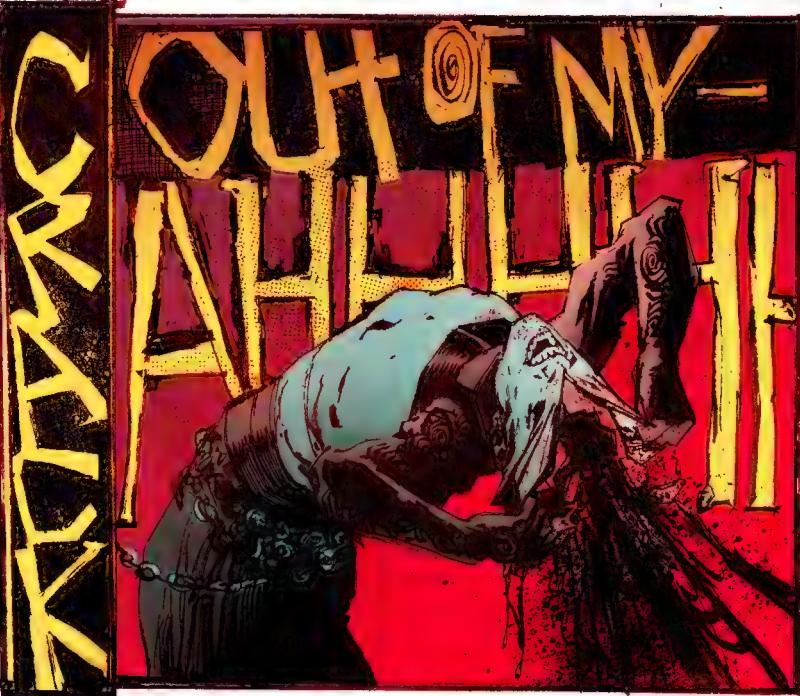
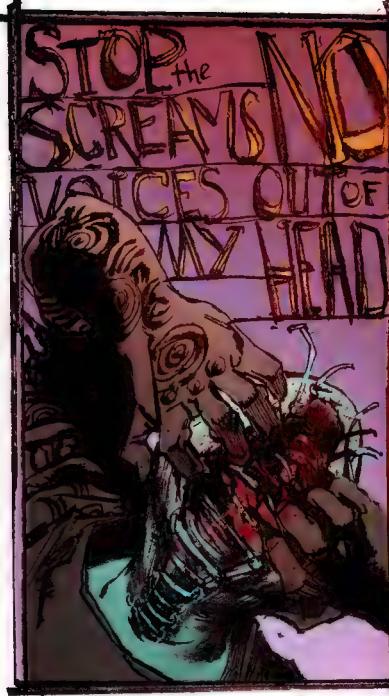


ALL THEIR FEARS.

ALL AT ONCE!

SO, IF YOU WANT TO DOMINATE US, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SLAUGHTER THOSE WHO WON'T HAND OVER THEIR LIVES WITHOUT A FIGHT.







WHERE
IS SHE
HIDING?



SOMEWHERE
SAFE.



I TOLD HER
I WOULDN'T FIGHT
YOU. SO, GO. YOU
NEED TO WALK
AWAY.



NOT
WITHOUT
YOU,
CYAN.



GO!



LEAVE



US



ALONE!



FOR A LONG MOMENT, SHE STANDS FROZEN. SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHY. THEN, IN THE DISTANCE, THE SOUNDS OF A DOZEN SIRENS BREAK HER SPELL.

BUT THERE'S ONE LAST THING SHE NEEDS DO BEFORE SHE LEAVES.



AND IN SO DOING, SHE
WILL FREE THE SOULS
TRAPPED INSIDE.





BUT THEY KNOW. THEY BOTH KNOW, THAT FROM THIS DAY FORWARD NOTHING WILL EVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.

FOR TWO DAYS,
SPAWN WILL
FRUITLESSLY SEARCH
FOR CYAN. ON THE THIRD
DAY, SHE WILL GENTLY
TAP HIM, FROM BEHIND,
ON THE SHOULDER.
THEY'LL EMBRACE ONE
ANOTHER WITH SO MUCH
JOY AND LOVE, THAT BOTH
THEIR HEARTS WILL FEEL
LIKE THEY ARE GOING
TO EXPLODE. AND THEN
THEY'LL SIT ON THE
GROUND, HUDDLED
TOGETHER, WATCHING THE
SUN SLOWLY SET
BEHIND TOKYO'S
MASSIVE SKYLINE.

AND AT NO TIME WILL
EITHER OF THEM UTTER
A SINGLE SYLLABLE.



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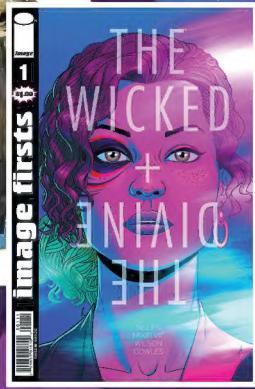


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from destruction? Can Spawn
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offer peace? Or... DO THEY ALL
HAVE TO DIE FIRST??

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